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At the Court at St. James's, Decemb. 23.

P R E S E N T,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty having been graciously pleased to deliver the Privy Seal to Sir George Beaumont, Baronet, Robert Byerly and Edward Nicholas, Esquires, as Commissioners for Executing the Office of Keeper of Her Majesty's Privy Seal, in the Absence of John, Lord Bishop of Bristol; they took the usual Oath, as Commissioners for the Custody of the Privy Seal, and the Oaths enjoyn'd by the late Act of Parliament, to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

Hamburgh, Decemb. 25. N. S. Letters from the Camp before Stralsund, advise, that it having been resolved to Besiege that Place in Form, they labour Night and Day in finishing their Works, and erecting Batteries. A further Supply of Thirty pieces of Cannon of Twenty-four Pounders, and fifteen Mortars being arriv'd, will make up a Train of Artillery of Seventy-five pieces, wherewith they design to play upon the Place. They have already begun to throw red hot Balls into the Town, but hitherto with little Damage. Lieutenant-General Rantzaw, who Commands the Blockade of Wismar, has sent to acquaint the Kings of Denmark and Poland that if he could be furnish'd with Ten Battalions, he would engage to make himself Master of the Place in ten or twelve Days time; a Council of War was thereupon call'd, wherein his Proposal was approv'd, and the Troops have begun their March in order to join him. The Eight thousand Muscovites lately arriv'd in this Country, which kept Stetin block'd up, are to come to this Camp to supply the room of those Battalions, and continue the Blockade of this Place, whilst the two Kings form the Siege of Wismar. The Suedes having notice of this Design, have sent fifteen hundred Men in several Boats, to endeavour to throw themselves into the Town, if possible, the Garrison scarce making Six hundred Men regular Troops. This being a Place of the

greatest Importance, 'tis believ'd the Relief of it will be attempted at any Hazard.

Berlin, Dec. 26. N. S. The King having had Notice of the Death of the Margrave Philip at his Palace of Sweedt, sent the Count Truchses to make his Compliments of Condolence to the Margravine; as did likewise Count Swerin, on the part of the Queen; and last Sunday the Court went into Mourning for six Months upon that account. His Majesty has presented her with one Years Revenue of the Appenage of the late Margrave; and 'tis said she will come and reside here with her Family. The Government of the Bishoprick of Magdeburg, and the Regiment of Horse that was under the Command of the Prince their Father, have been conferr'd upon the Eldest Son; and that of Foot upon the Youngest. As for the Office of Great Master of the Artillery, which the deceas'd Margrave had, 'tis thought 'twill be suppress'd. Count Denhoff, who has been nam'd one of the Plenipotentiaries at the approaching Conferences of Peace, arriv'd here Yesterday from Prussia; but 'tis not known when he will proceed to Holland.

Brussels, Dec. 24. N. S. All things are again quiet on the Frontiers of Picardy since the Enemies Retreat; and the Damage they did to the Canal from Lille to Doway, and on the Scarp, will be repair'd in a very short time. Advices from Maaubeuge of the Twenty-second say, that the Day before, Fifteen Boats laden with Meal set forward from thence, being design'd to mount the Sambre to Landreci, under an Escort of three Regiments of Foot. Count Erps, of the Council of State, appointed for the Government of the Spanish Netherlands, return'd hither three Days ago from Mons, having obtain'd of the States of Hainault a Subsidy of Two hundred thousand Florins for the Year ensuing, for the Subsistence of the Walloon Troops assign'd on that Province, and for other publick Services. A Placart is ready to be publish'd throughout these Countries, prohibiting the Exportation of any Oats or Hay to the Enemies Frontiers, in order to prevent their